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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
REQUEST FOR FILING NATIONAL PATENT APPLICATION
Under 35 USC 111(a) and Rule 53(b)

PATENT APPLICATION

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Sir:

Herewith is the PATENT APPLICATION of
Inventor(s): Marc REXRODE.

Title RENT DEFAULT BUSINESS METHOD

Atty. Dkt.: 074104 | 307104
C-M | Client Ref

including:

Date: February 5, 2004

1. Specification: 11 pages (only spec. and claims) 2. ☐ Specification in non-English language
3. Declaration ☒ Original ☐ Facsimile/Copy ☒ Abstract 1 page(s); 19 numbered claims
4. ☒ Drawings: 2 sheet(s) ☐ informal; ☒ formal of size: ☐ A4 ☒ 11"
5. ☐ See top first page re prior Provisional, National or International application(s). ("X" box only if info is there and do not complete corresponding item 6 or 7). (Prior M# _____ SN _____)
6. This application claims benefit of the following prior US application(s), the contents of which are incorporated into this application by this reference:

No. / filed _____
No. PCT / filed _____, which

designated the US.

7. ☐ See the attached Preliminary Amendment, which amends the specification to claim benefit of the above listed US application(s)
8. ☐ Attached is an assignment and cover sheet. Please return the recorded assignment to the undersigned.
9. ☐ Assignee _____

Address _____

10. **FOREIGN** priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(a)-(d)/365(b) based on filing in _____
11. _____ (country)

| Application No. | Filing Date | Application No. | Filing Date |
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| (3) | | <input type="checkbox"/> See 3 rd page for additional priorities | |

12. _____ (No.) Certified copy (copies): ☐ attached; ☐ previously filed (date) _____
in U.S. Application No. / filed on _____

13. Small entity status → ☐ is not claimed; ☒ is claimed (Pre-filing confirmation required)
 13(a). ☒ Attached: 1 (No.) Small Entity Statement(s) (since 9/8/00 small entity statement(s) not essential to make claim)
 13(b) ☐ See NONPUBLICATION REQUEST under Rule 213(a) attached (PAT-258)
 14. DOMESTIC/INTERNATIONAL priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(e)/120/365(c) based on the following provisional, nonprovisional and/or PCT international application(s):

| Application No. | Filing Date | Application No. | Filing Date |
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| (2) | | (5) | |
| (3) | | (6) | |

15. ☐ This application is being filed under Rule 53(b)(2) since an inventor is named in the enclosed Declaration who was not named in the prior application.

16. ☒ Attached: New Application Cover Sheet and Return Postcard

17. ☐ Preliminary Amendment:

THE FOLLOWING FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED LESS ANY ABOVE CANCELLED

| | | | | Large/Small Entity | | | | Fee Code | |
|---|----|------------|----|--------------------|--|------------------------------|--|-----------|--|
| 18. Basic Filing Fee | | | | \$770/\$385 | | \$385 | | 1001/2001 | |
| 19. Total Effective Claims | 19 | minus 20 = | *0 | x \$18/\$9 = | | + 0 | | 1202/2202 | |
| 20. Independent Claims | 3 | minus 3 = | *0 | x \$86/\$43 = | | + 0 | | 1201/2201 | |
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| 21. If any proper multiple dependent claim (ignore improper) is present, add (Leave this line blank if this is a reissue application) | | | | + \$290/\$145 | | + 0 | | 1203/2203 | |
| 22. | | | | TOTAL FILING FEE = | | \$385 | | | |
| 23. If "non-English" box 2 is X'd, add Rule 17(k) processing fee | | | | + \$130 | | + 0 | | 1053 | |
| 24. If "assignment" box 8 is X'd, add recording fee | | | | + \$40 | | + 0 | | 8021 | |
| 25. <input type="checkbox"/> Attached is a Petition/Fee under Rule No. | | | | + \$130 | | + 0 | | 1808 | |
| 26. | | | | | | TOTAL FEE = | | \$385 | |
| Our Deposit Account No. 50-2212 | | | | | | PLEASE CHARGE OUR DEP. ACCT. | | | |
| Our Order | | 074104 | | 307104 | | | | | |
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